

# Parallel Park

## Community Meeting

6 DECEMBER 2023



# Agenda

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- Firm Background
- Project Overview
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- Community Feedback
- Playground Inspiration
- Concept Layouts
- Schedule + Next Steps



# Project Team Introduction

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Park Commission Member

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## Consultants

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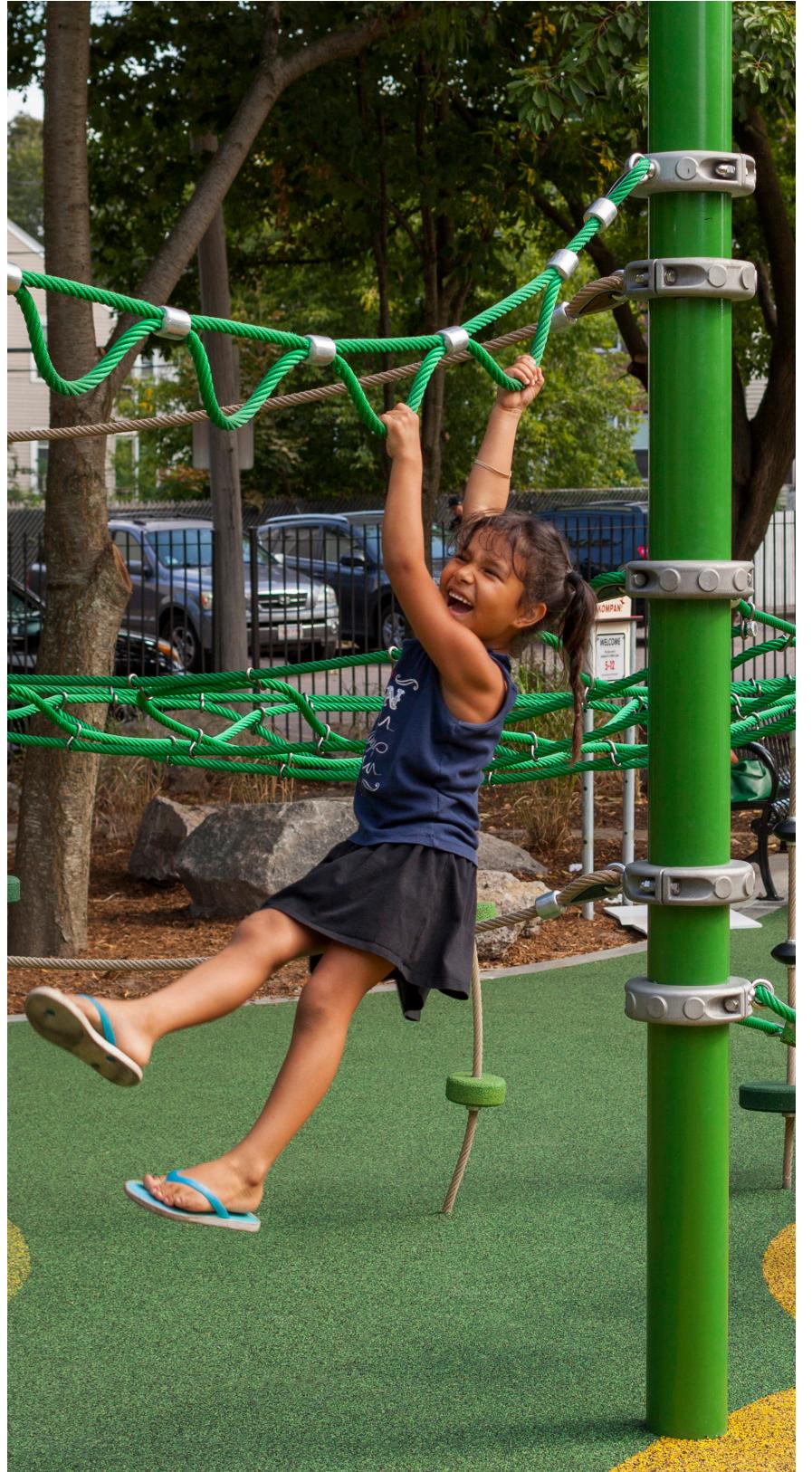
Hancock Associates

### SURVEYING

Reed Land Surveying, Inc.

# Firm Background

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Healy Playground



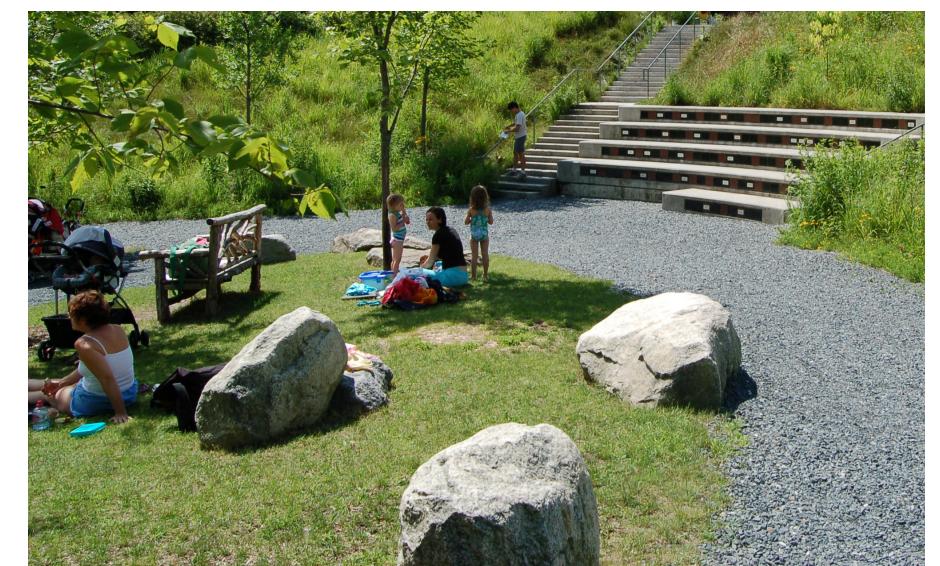
Dorchester Park Playground



King Open Elementary School

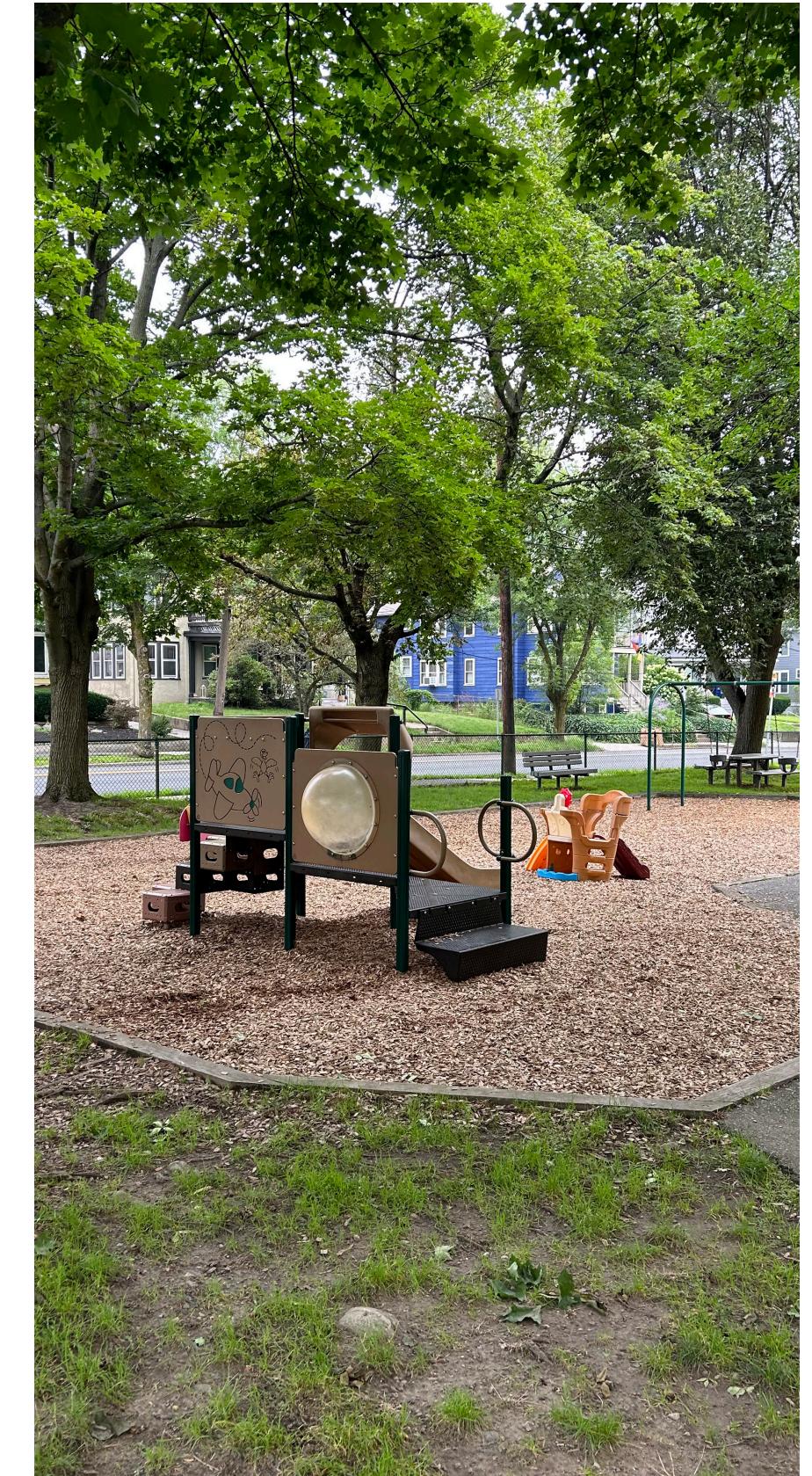
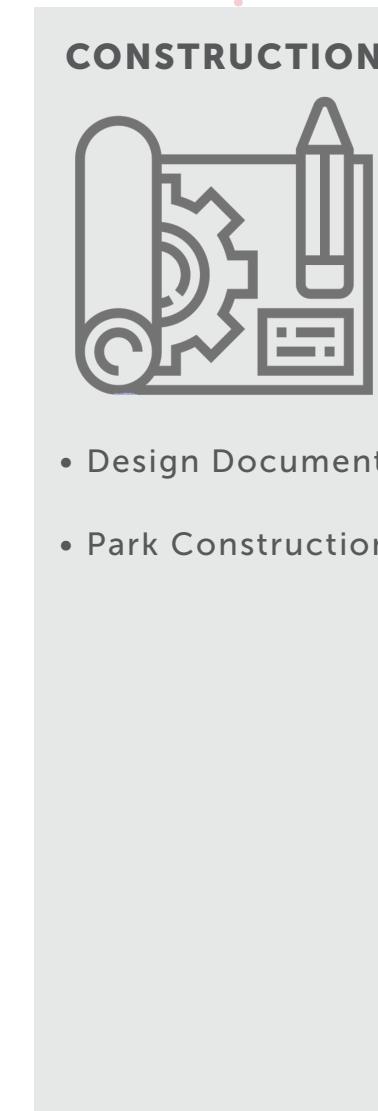
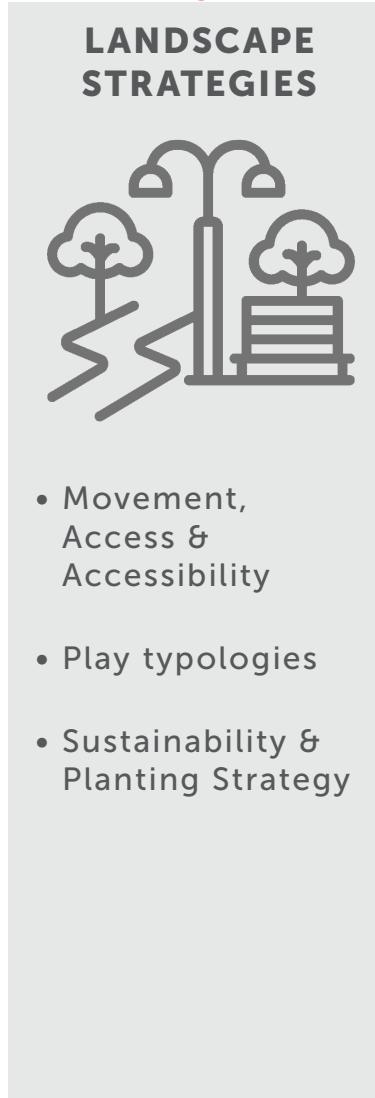


Ryan Playground



Montshire Science Park

# Design Road Map



# Project Overview

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2019

Playground Safety Audit  
and Report

2021

Stantec Feasibility Study

2023 - Spring

Partial Playground Closure  
and Removal

*PREVIOUS WORK*

*WE'RE HERE* →

2023 - Fall  
Public Outreach

450 folks  
responded to the  
online survey!

*LOOKING AHEAD*

2023- Early 2024  
Conceptual Design  
Process

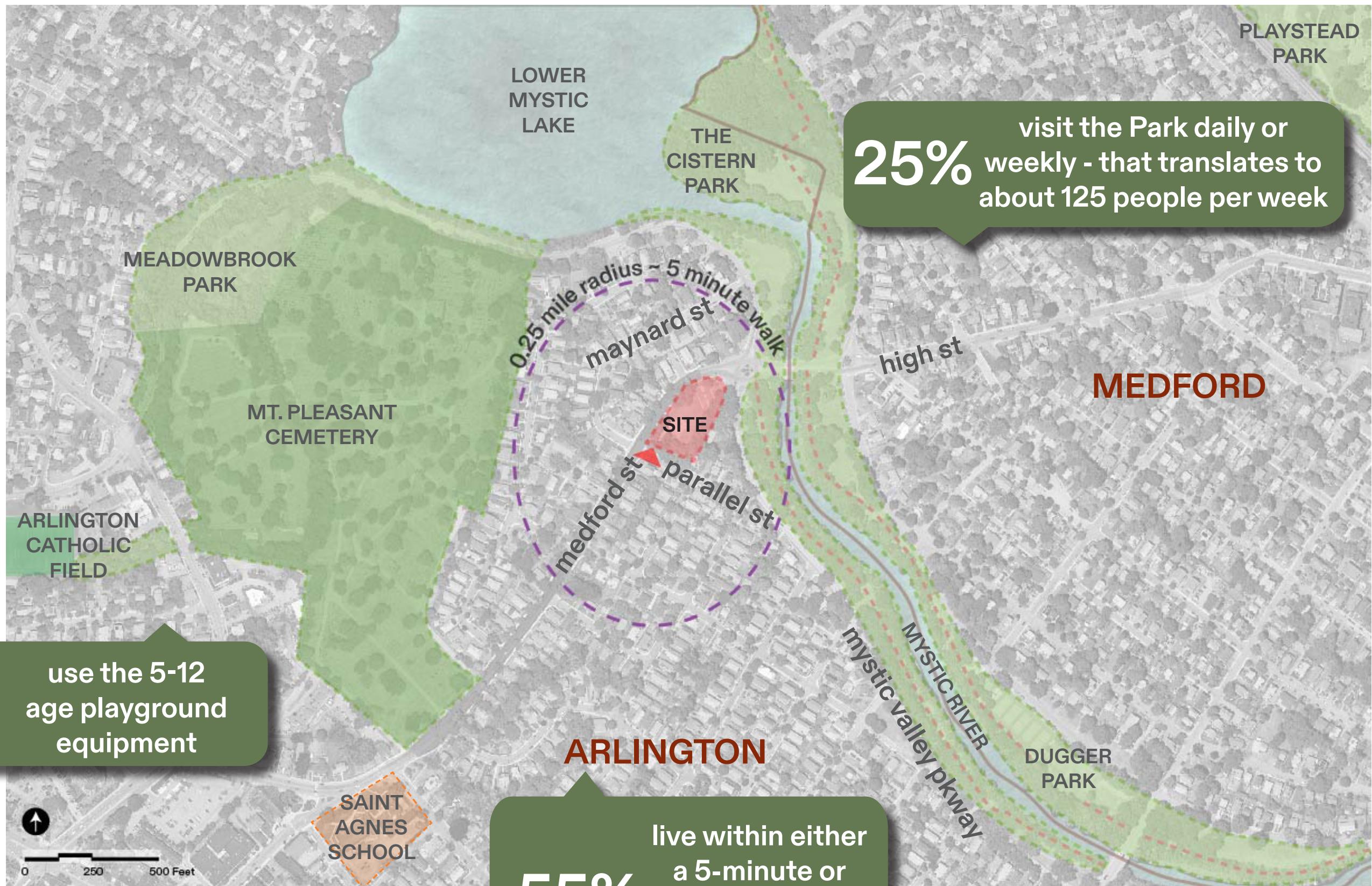
April 2024  
Spring Town Meeting for  
Project Funding Approval

August/Fall 2024  
Project Bid &  
Playground Construction

possible State Funding from  
Representative Sean Garballey

# Context

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# Existing Conditions | Play Features

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**“They took a climbing structure down years ago and never replaced it...it really doesn’t offer much to children except a big space to run”**



**“The neighborhood is desperate for this park to be enhanced... It is underused now because it has next to nothing in it. Even the swings are hung too high for anyone smaller than 5'5" to get on”**

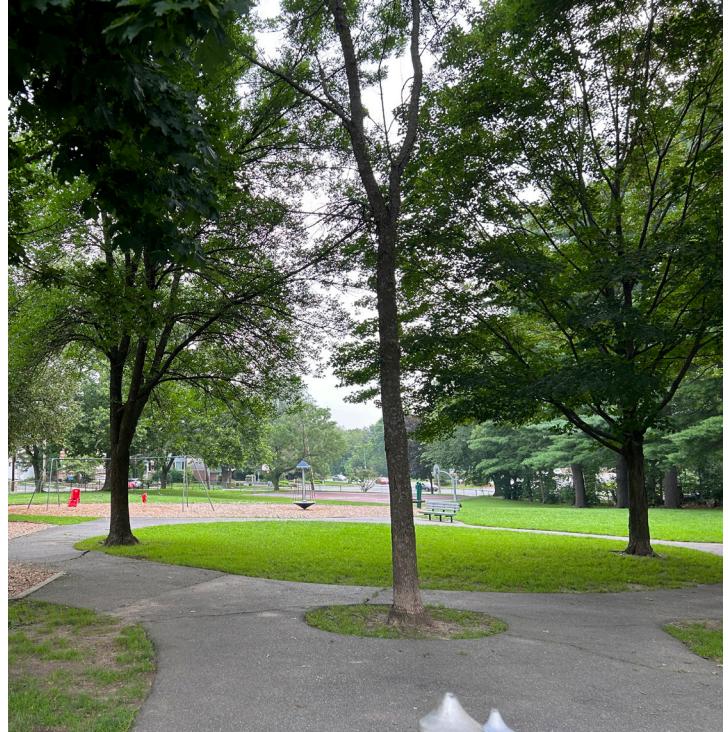


# Existing Conditions | Site Features

“The mature trees in the perimeter of the park are particularly majestic. Please do what you can to protect and enhance that aspect of the park experience.”



“Many children enjoy climbing the small tree next to the rotary. Please keep this tree as-is.”



“We called it ‘traffic playground’ because of the prime bus and car viewing. Little kids love watching vehicles drive by.”

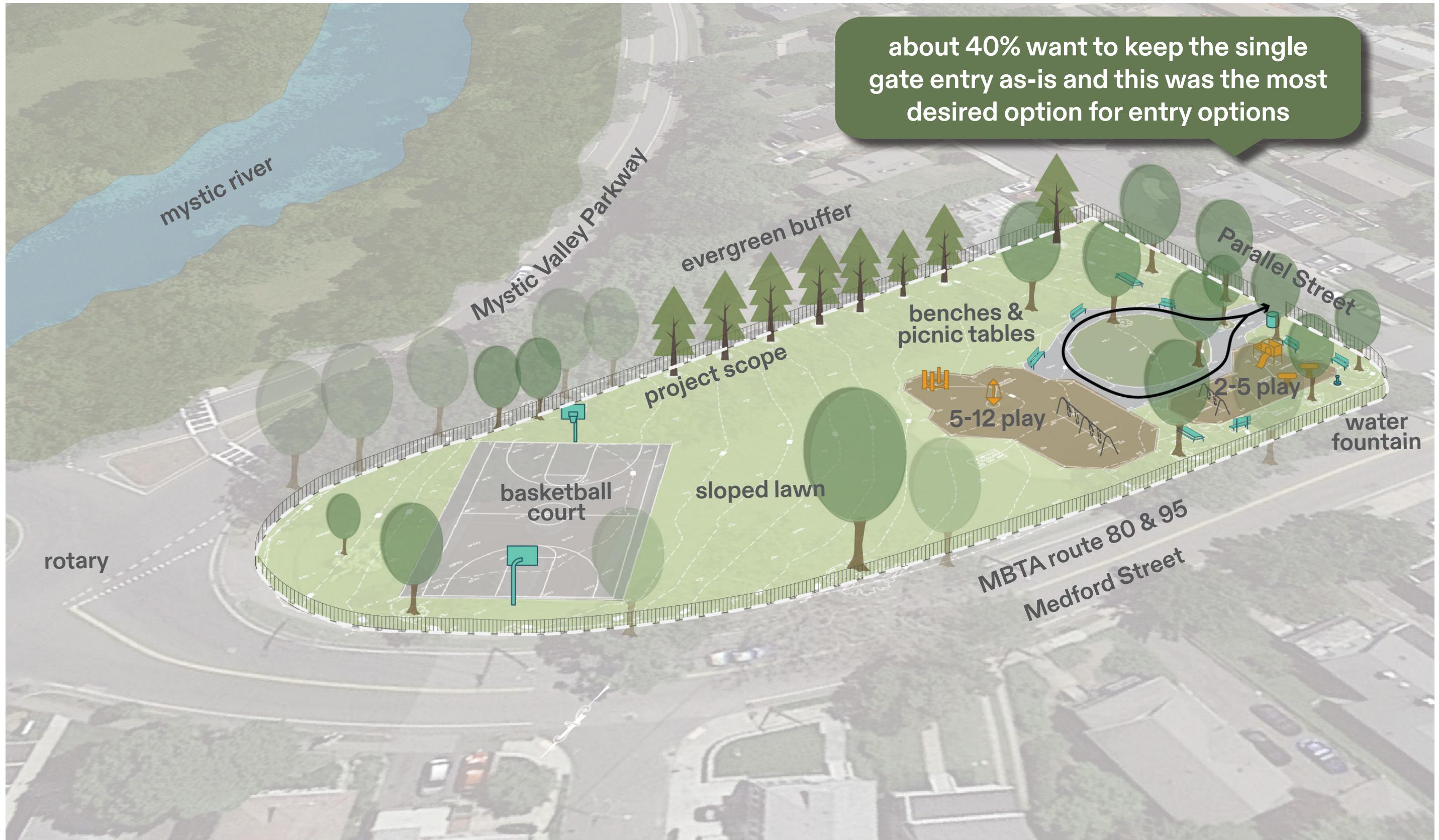


“A scooter/bike path for kids would be greatly enhanced by small ‘pump track’ elements - ups and downs for kids to develop additional balance, skills, etc.”

about 45% utilize the court and paths for biking and scooters

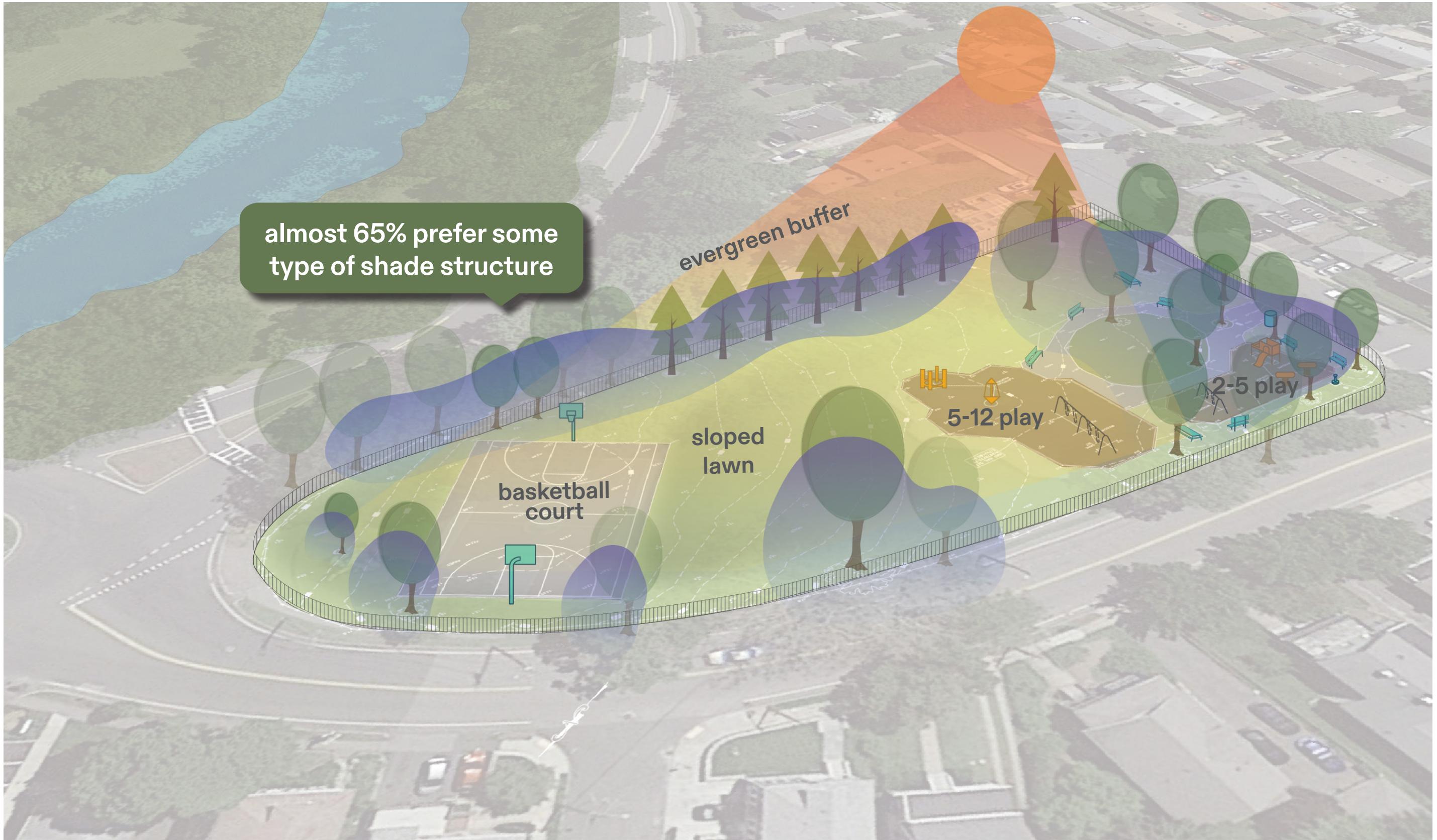
# Existing Conditions | Site Analysis

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# Existing Conditions | Sun/Shade

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# Community Feedback | Meet and Greet

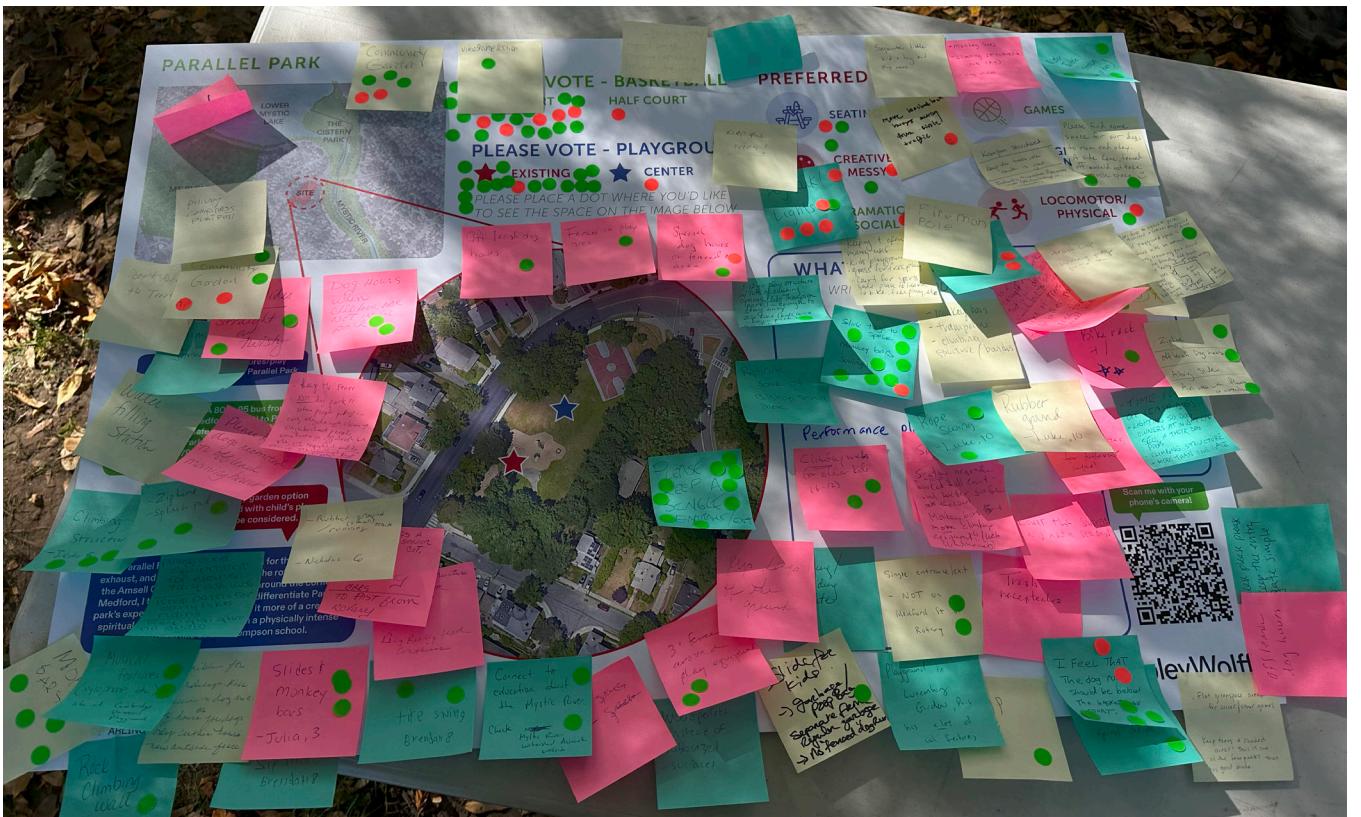
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limited play opportunities for the 5-12 age group - many drive children to nearby neighborhood parks for suitable play equipment

many hope for designated off leash dog hours or fenced in dog area

preserve basketball court

appreciate the shade over play equipment



# Community Feedback

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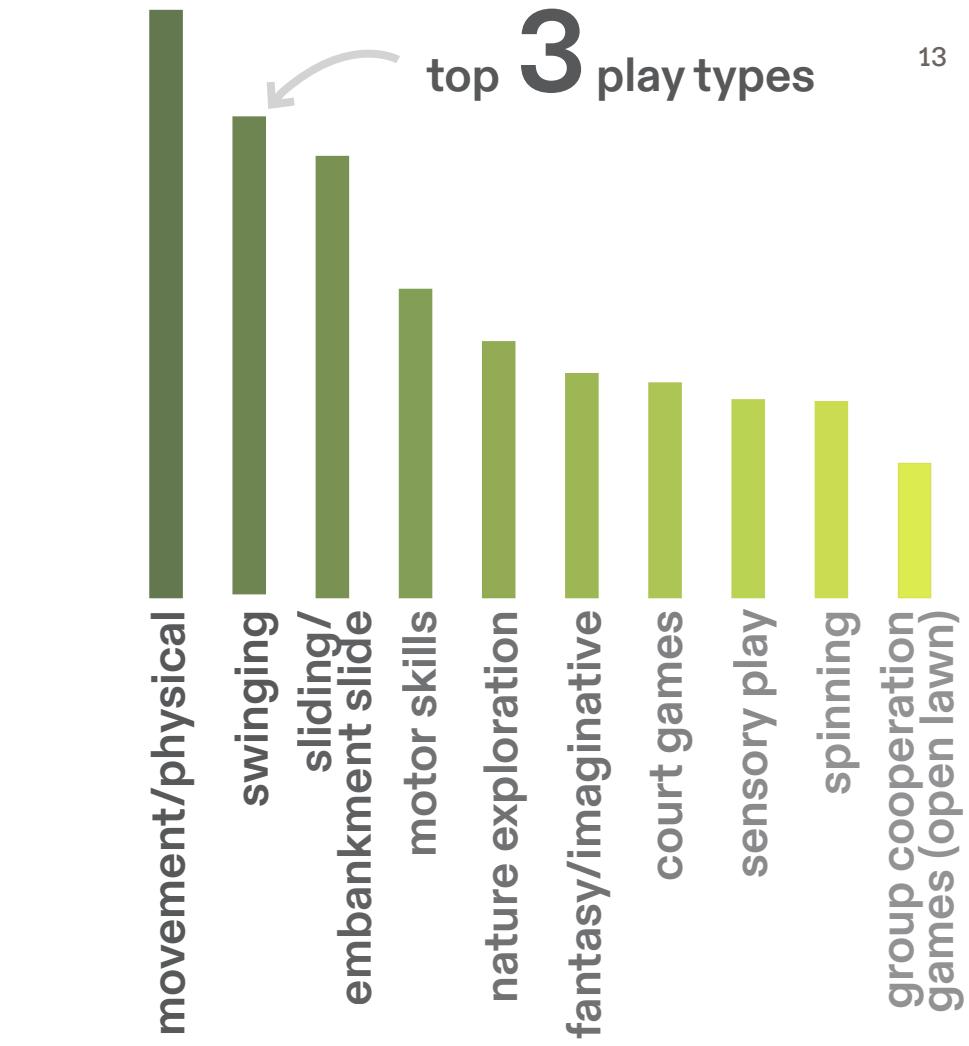
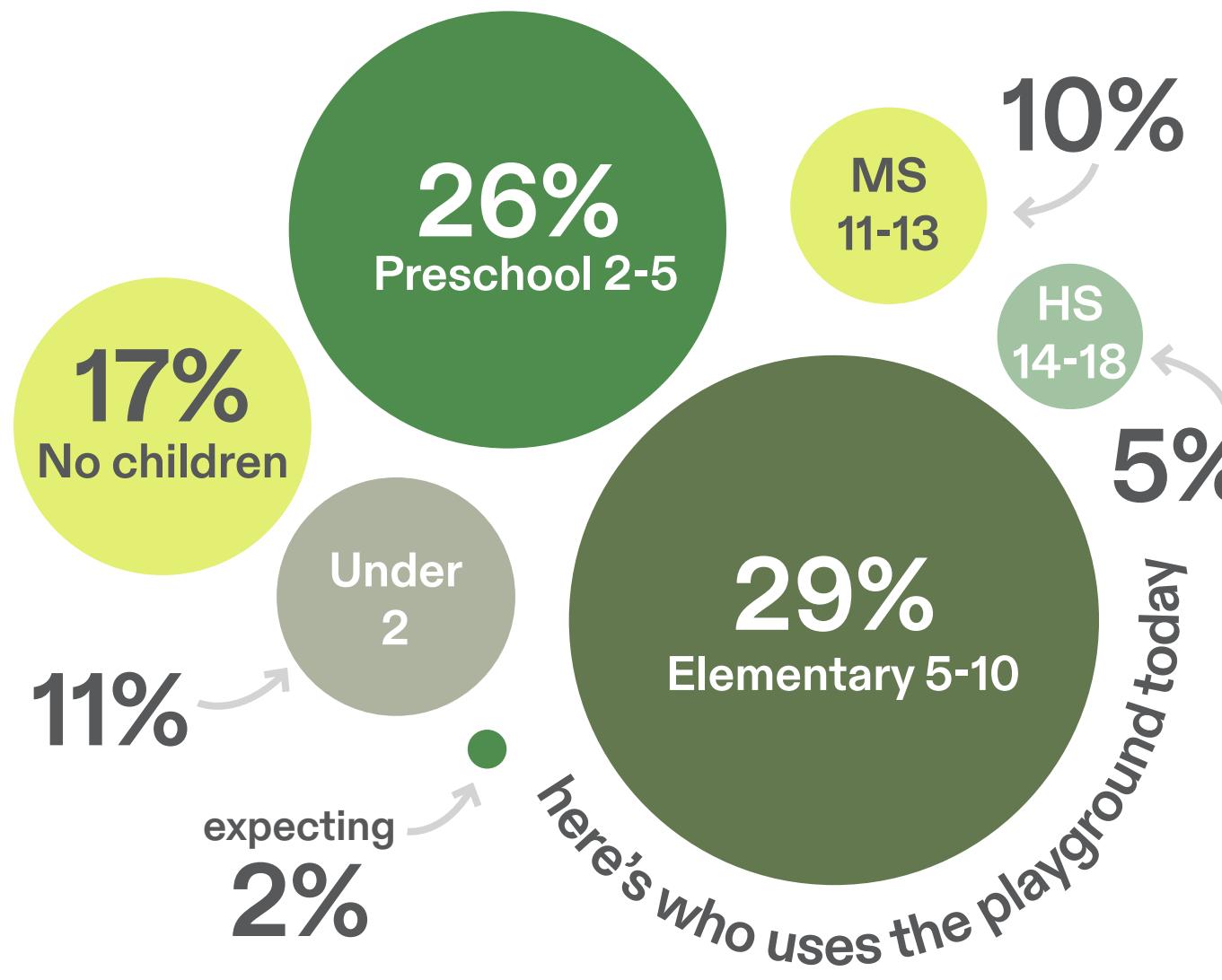
top 3 current activities

#2

bike and scooter

#3

use 5-12 age playground equipment



# Community Feedback

top 4 desired amenities



drinking/bottle filler



picnic tables



additional benches



bike/scooter path

please type in the chat for play surfacing material - responses are split



courts were mentioned nearly 50 times for basketball, tennis, pickleball and multi-sport



here's what you told us about **play equipment**



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here's what you like to do when

visiting

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5-12 age playground equipment



bike and scooter



2-5 age playground equipment



passive use



flexible/imaginative



play basketball



exercise



lawn games



picnic



walk your dog



community events



other



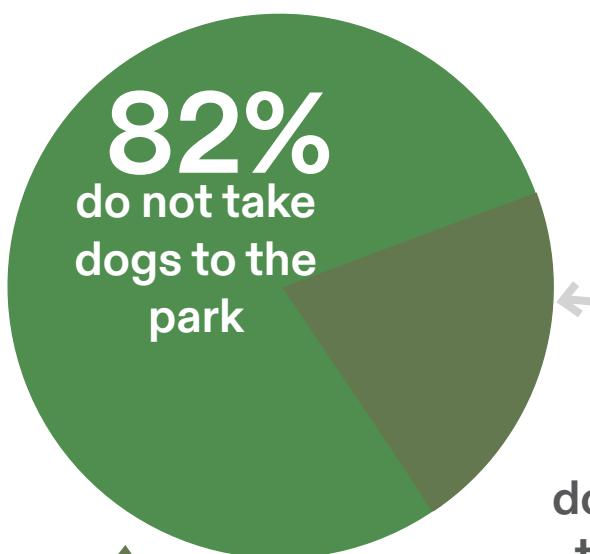
we also heard running



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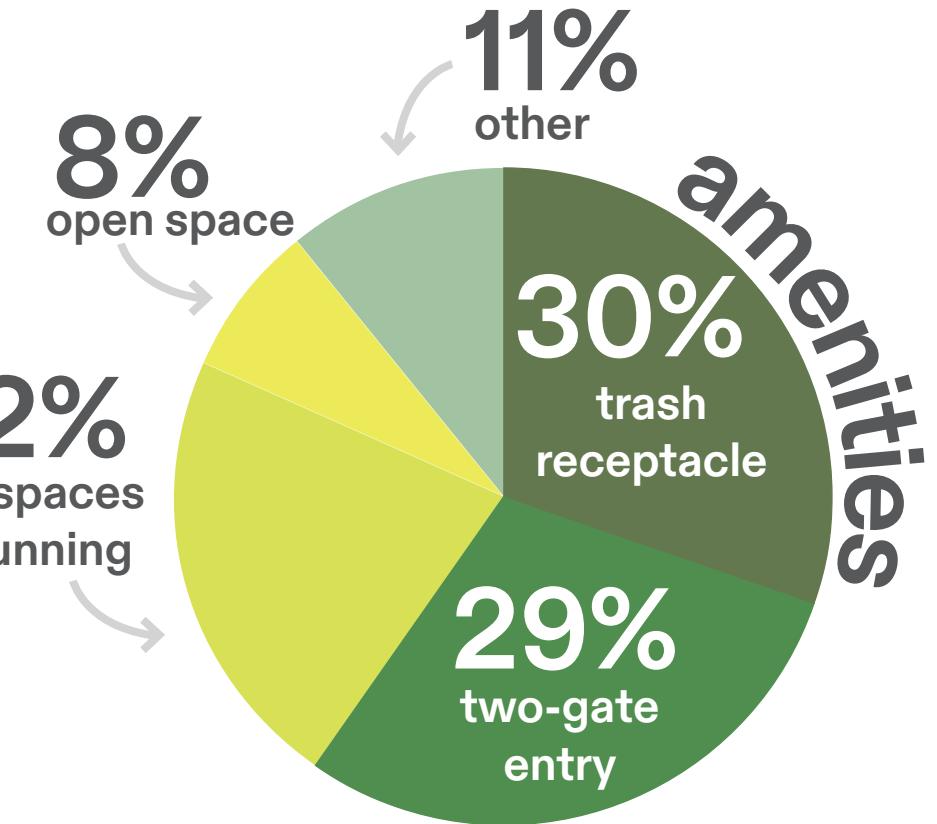
# Community Feedback | Dogs

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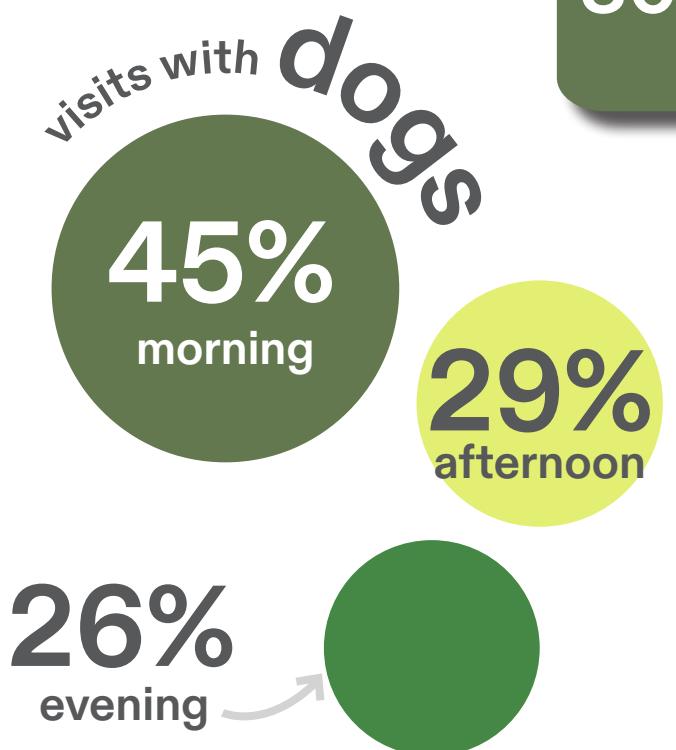


roughly 20% of all comments were regarding dogs

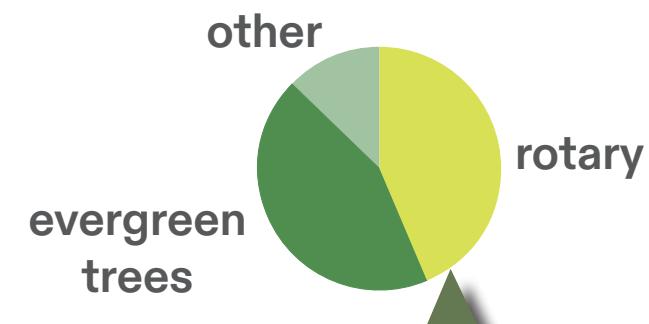
50% of respondents would like a dedicated off-leash dog area



morning is the most common time to bring dogs to the park



30% of respondents would like a two-gate entry system



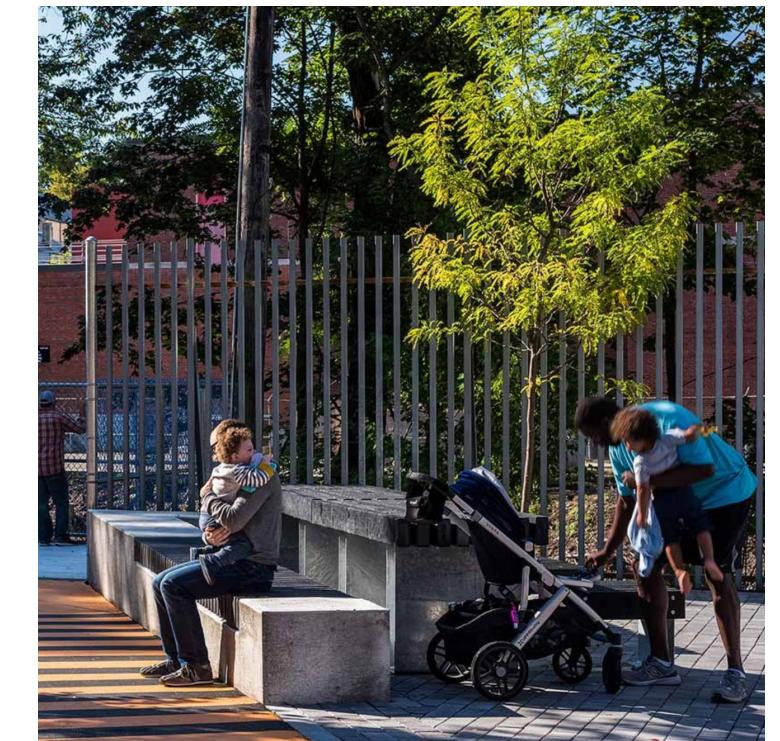
a preferred dog area location was split 50/50 between locating near evergreen trees or near rotary.

# Playground Inspiration

**“Most of the driveways in the neighborhood are too narrow to have a hoop so Parallel Park is a great place for the kids to shoot around.”**



**“Re-frame the space as a park for the whole community - welcoming to all, both young and old”**



**“Rock wall”**



**“Monkey bar structure - more advanced for older kids”**

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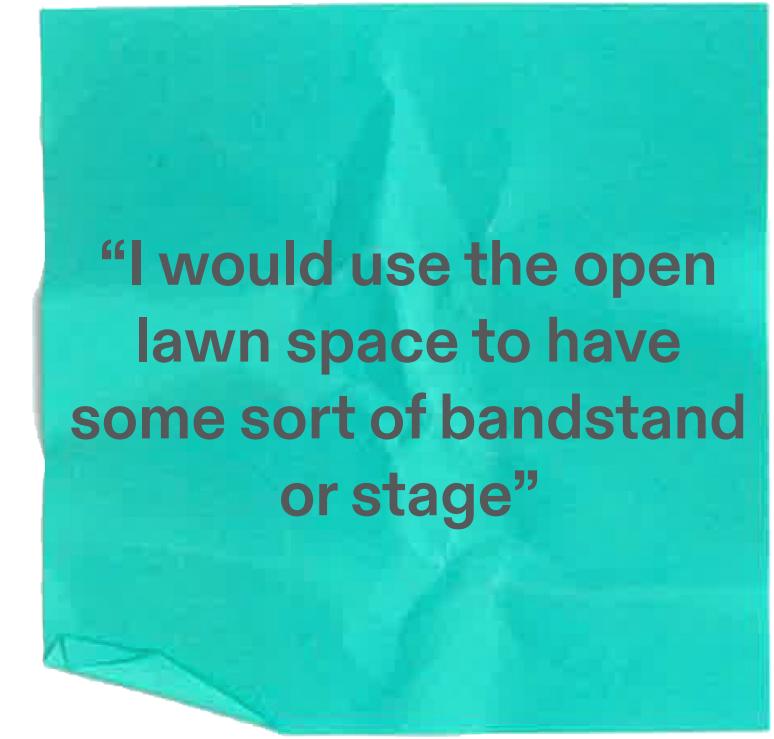
**“If a grass area will exist in the redesign, it should be terraced to allow for a flat area for soccer or football or whiffle ball, etc”**



**“Playground equipment for TALL children. Even high school kids like to have fun. Seriously.”**

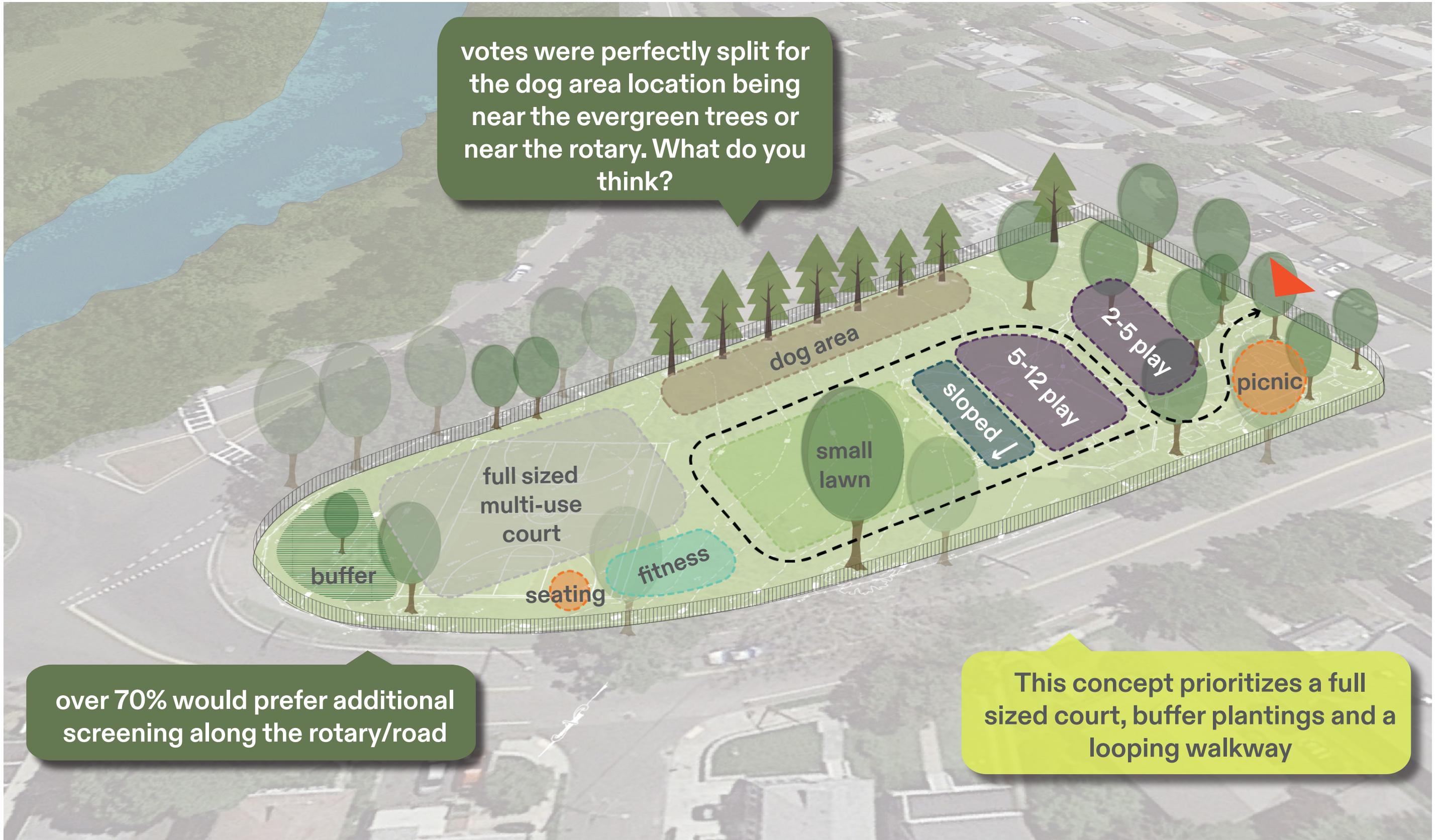


**“Adjustable basketball hoops, pickleball courts for youth and adults”**



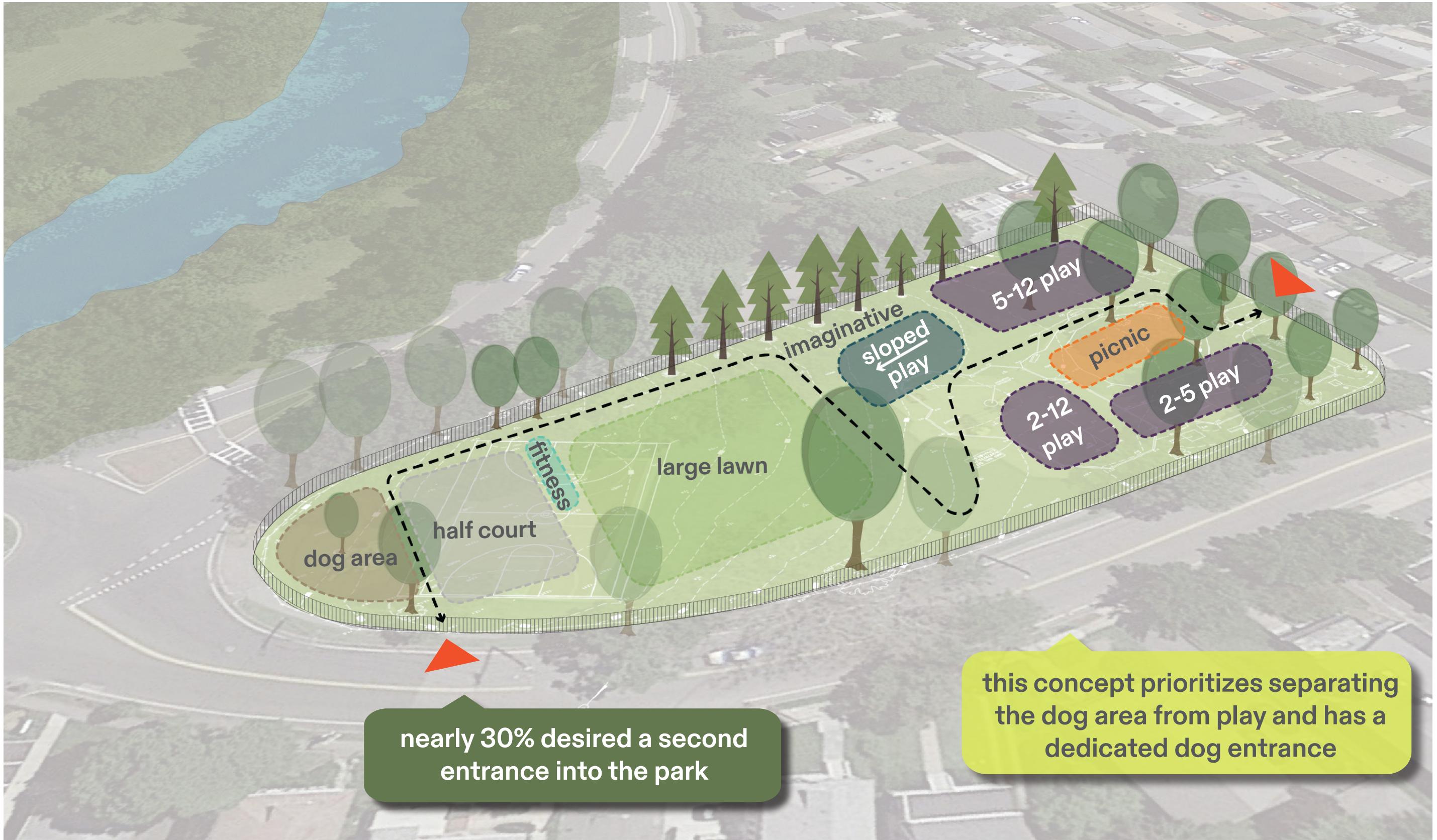
# Playground Inspiration | Conceptual Layout A

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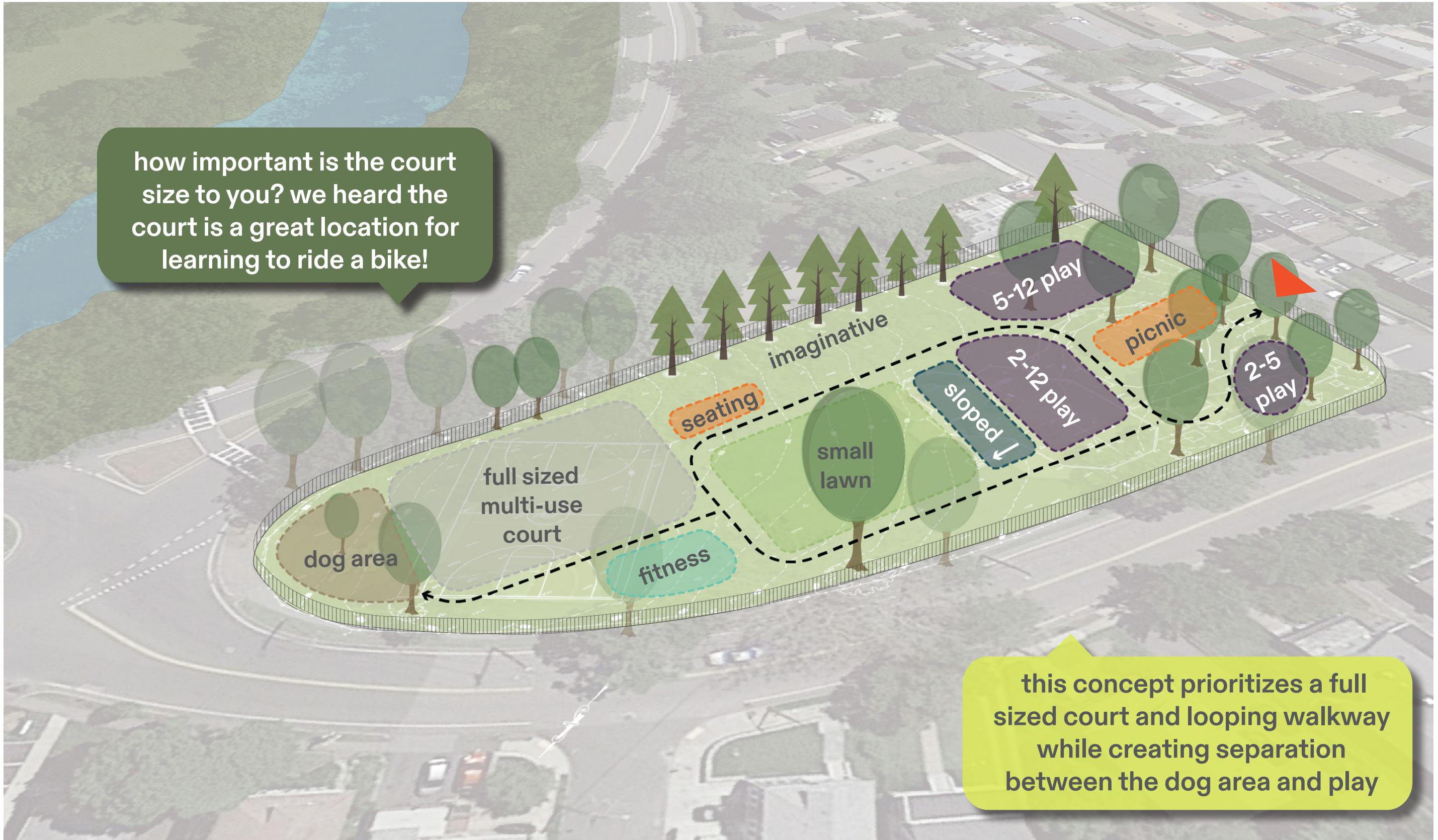
# Playground Inspiration | Conceptual Layout B

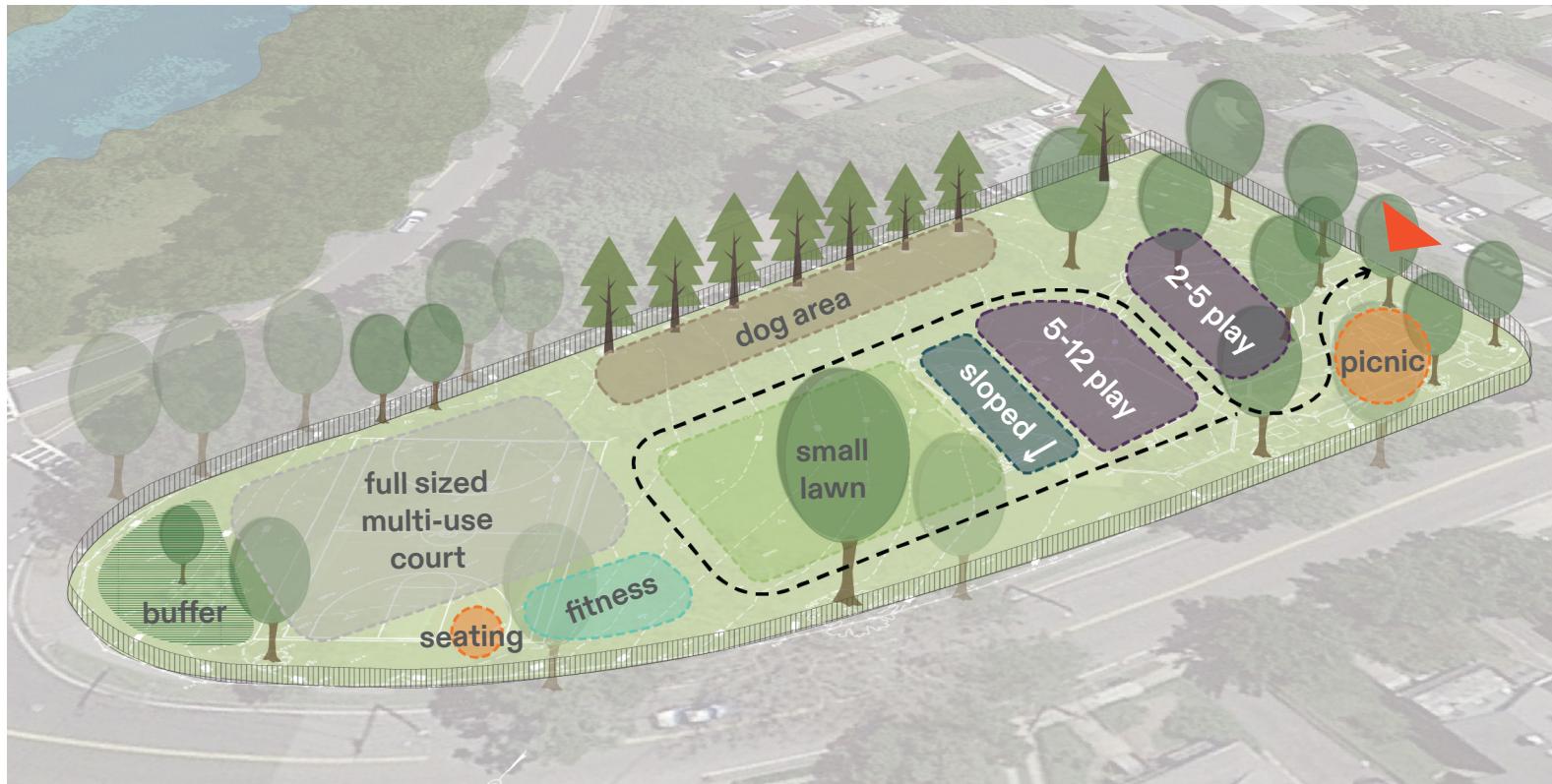
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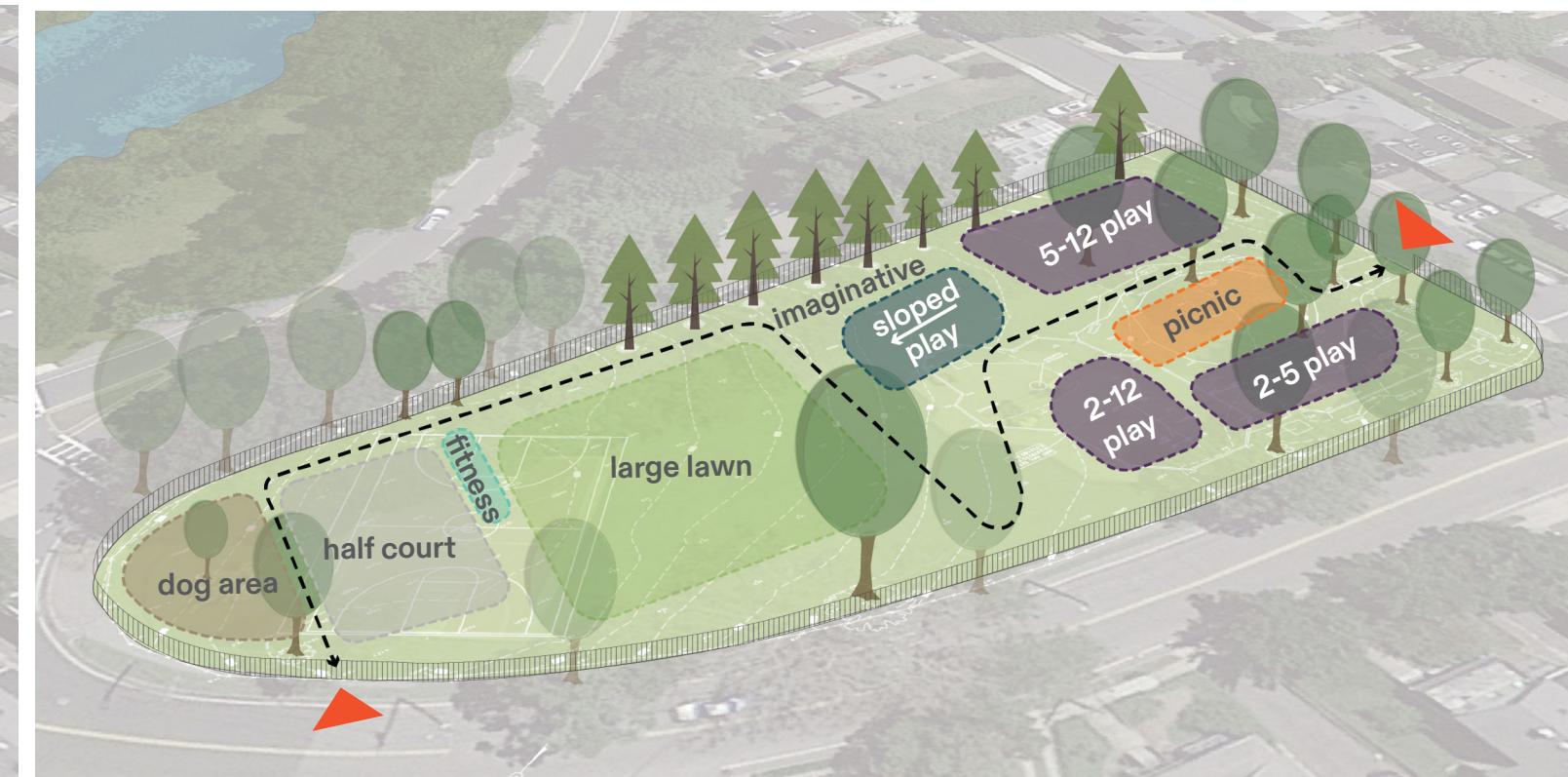
# Playground Inspiration | Conceptual Layout Hybrid

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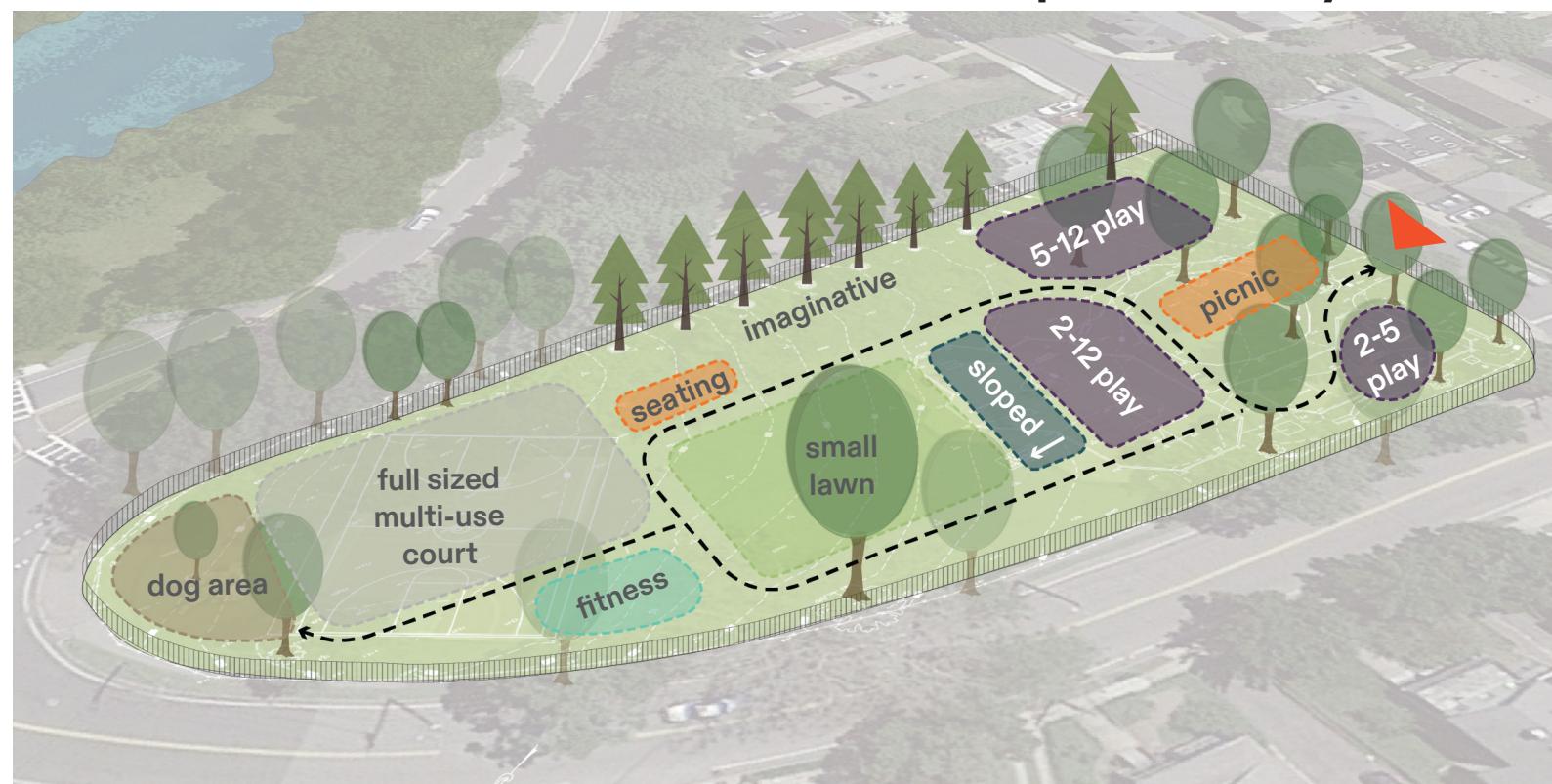




Conceptual Layout A



Conceptual Layout B



Conceptual Layout Hybrid

# Schedule + Next Steps

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